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1. WE ASSUME YOU HAVE LAREADY DONE PRELIMINARY PLANNING FOR POLAND DAY IN THE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 5. WE HAVE ALSO GIVEN IT SOME THOUGHT AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME OF OUR IDEAS WITH YOU. SEVERAL OBJECTIVES COME TO MIND: (1) TO PROVIDE USG'S BEST THINKING ON THE SITUATION IN POLAND AND THE PRESENT STATE AND SHORT-TERM FUTURE OF US-POLISH RELATIONS; (2) TO GIVE POLISH-AMERICAN LEADERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THOSE WORKING ON POLISH AFFAIRS AND TO INFORM THEM OF AMERICAN POLONIA'S THINKING ABOUT POLAND; (3) TO DEEPEN AND BROADEN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE POLICYMAKERS AND IMPLEMENTERS AND AMERICAN POLONIA IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PRE-OCCUPATIONS AND TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH HAVE ARISEN IN THE PAST; (4) TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ABOUT OFFICIAL AND PROVATE PROGRAMS CONCERNING POLAND IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE GREATER COOPERATION.

2. THIS MEETING COMES AT A PARTICULARLY INTERESTING AND COMPLICATED TIME. AFTER FIVE YEARS OF INCREASINGLY CLOSER RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE COMMERCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SCIENTIFIC AREAS, WE ARE
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FACING AN UNCERTAIN SHORT-TERM FUTURE. AMERICAN EXPORTS TO POLAND--EXCEPT FOR GRAIN--WILL PROBABLY DECREASE A LITTLE MORE BEOFRE LEVELING OFF AND, WE HOPE, REBOUNDED IN 3-4 YEARS. POLAND CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE AGGRESSIVE IN PUSING POLISH EXPORTS TO THE US BUT, IN VIEW OF THE BUILT-IN DEFICIENCIES OF THE SYSTEM, WILL PROBABLY BE

AT LEAST PARTIALLY FRUSTRATED IN THAT EFFORT. THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING IN NOVEMBER WILL BE AN IMPORTANT ONE. ALTHOUGH SIGNIFICANT NEW INITIATIVES ARE PROBABLY PRECLUDED BY POLAND'S ECONOMIC WOES, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE BASIS FOUNDATION FOR GREATER CONTACT AND COOPERATION PATIENTLY CONSTRUCTED OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS REMAINS IN PLACE UNTIL THIS TRANSITIONAL PERIOD HAS PASSED.

3. SECONDLY, THE STATE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION EXERTS A STRONG INFLUENCE ON OUR RELATIONS WITH POLAND AND HELPS ACCOUNT FOR SOME OF THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN US.

4. THIRDLY, HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AND THE OBVIOUS DESIRE HERE TO BRING THE IVP UNDER POLISH GOVERNMENT CONTROL NOT ONLY AFFECT OUR OFFICIAL RELATIONS BUT ARE ALSO OF PARAMOUNT CONCERN TO AMERICAN POLONIA.

5. IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN ESTABLISHING A MORE PROFOUND DIALOGUE AND A BETTER FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION WITH THE POLISH-AMERICAN LEADERS, OUR POLICY AND HOW WE CARRY IT OUT CAN BE CONSTRUCTIVELY REINFORCED.

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6. DECIDING ON POLISH-AMERICAN PARTICIPATION COULD BE TROUBLESOME, BUT WE ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH YOUR POLISH-AMERICAN CONTACTS WHO, THEMSELVES, MAY HAVE TO MAKE SOME TOUGH DECISIONS. ONE OF MY CONCERNS IS THAT THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FEBRUARY MEETING, WHEN THE IDEA WAS FIRST BROACHED, BE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED.

7. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THE POLISH-AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATE BEYOND JUST ASKING QUESTIONS AND PARTICIPATING IN THE GENERAL DISCUSSION. IT SHOULD NOT BE A DAY WHEN ONLY USG REPRESENTATIVES ARE ON THE PODIUM. ONE IDEA MIGHT BE A POLISH-AMERICAN PANEL, INCLUDING REPRESENTATION OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH COULD GIVE US A GOOD VIEW OF POLONIA CONCERNS AND THE SPECTRUM OF OPINION AMONG POLISH AMERICANS.

8. THE DAYS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE OPENED BY AS HIGH A STATE REPRESENTATIVE AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY NO LOWER THAN NEWSOM, TO PUT OUR POLISH POLICY IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF OUR OVERALL POLICY. THEN WE SUGGEST THAT I GIVE A RUNDOWN OF HOW WE SEE THE CURRENT

SITUATION, THE MAJOR ISSUES, PROBLEMS AND TRENDS AND ENUMERATE THE MAJOR ELEMENTS AND ISSUES OF US-POLISH RELATIONS--HUMAN RIGHTS (PARTICULARLY DIVIDED FAMILIES), ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS, ETC--AND OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE. IF DESIRED WE COULD SUBMIT AN OUT-LINE FOR THIS PRESENTATION.

9. THE MAJOR AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH POLAND--COMMERCE, ICA, AGRICULTURE, NSC, CIA, DEFENSE, NSF/NAS AND PERHAPS OTHERS--AS WELL AS VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT, SHOUL BE PRESENTED, ALL DAY OF POSSIBLE. SOME OF THESE COULD THEN EXPAND ON CERTAIN KEY ISSUES, ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND CULTURAL. WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL HAVE

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TO GET INTO INTERNAL DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS SUCH AS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION YOU CAN DETERMINE BETTER THAN I. THE AGENDA SHOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE TIME FOR DISCUSSION AFTER OR DURING EACH PRESENTATION.

10. IN ADDITION TO A POLONIA PANEL, AS SUGGESTED ABOVE, IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE IF, FOR ONCE, WE COULD GET A REALLY COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS SUPPORTED AND OPERATED BY POLISH-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS. IF THERE IS A FEASIBLE FORMAT FOR THAT I WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME IT.

11. AT THE END WE COULD HAVE AN HOUR, CHAIRED BY LUERS OR ME, WHEN EVERYONE CAN GET ANYTHING ELSE OFF HIS CHEST OR WE CAN SUMMARIZE SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CONCLUSIONS WHICH MAY HAVE EMERGED DURING THE DAY.

12. ONE FINAL NOTE--IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE VERY HELPFUL IF WE COULD SOMEHOW HOST A LUNCH OR A RECEPTION IF NUMBERS AND OTHER FACTORS DO NOT PRECLUDE IT. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW MANY POLISH-AMERICANS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING AND THE ANTICIPATED GROUND RULES FOR MEDIA COVERAGE.

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